

**REMARKS**

Claims 1 to 7 are in the application wherein claims 1 to 3 are withdrawn from consideration as being for a non-elected invention and claims 4 to 7 stand rejected on prior art, with claims 4, 5 and 7 being rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by EP 760234, of which the inventor herein is a named inventor (Haraguchi, et al.); claims 4 to 6 being rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over either of the patents to Duncan, Buhrman, et al. or Schoecke; and claims 4, 5 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over either one of the Gilman or Kewin patents.

The comments made by the Examiner in the Office Action have been considered and, pursuant thereto, the drawings are hereby amended to comply with the Examiner's requirement and claims 4 to 7 have been canceled and replaced with new claims 8 and 9 which clearly define Applicant's invention and distinguish it over the cited references. Specifically, new claims 8 and 9 are directed to Applicant's improved paper roll construction for use in packaging a solid preparation as embodied particularly in Figure 8 wherein the at least one notch 21A formed in the end of shaft member 21 is defined by a recess disposed in the inner surface of the wall of the shaft member and extending to a location (depth) short of the outside surface of the shaft member wall.

Since such notch configuration is not described in any of the references relied upon in the rejection of claims 4 to 7 nor in any of the other references cited, but not applied against the claims in the application, it is respectfully submitted that new claims 8 and 9 presented herein distinguish the invention over the prior art and consequently should be allowed.

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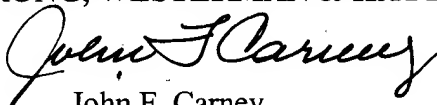
The Examiner is accordingly respectfully requested to favorably consider this Amendment and to allow the application.

If, for any reason, it is believed that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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